

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application. Claims 10-15, 25-30, and 33-36 have been allowed. Claims 2-5, 17-20 and 34 have been amended. Claims 1, 7-8, 16, 22-23 and 31-32 have been canceled. Claims 37-38 have been added. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 16-20, 22, 23, 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is requested.

Examiner Interview

The Applicants thank Examiner Jenise Jackson for the courtesy and the comments offered during the Telephone Interview regarding the status of the pending claims. During the Interview, the Applicants' representative (Andrew A. Noble) asked the Examiner to clarify the status of Claims 10-15 and 25-30, which were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, but objected to as depending from rejected base claims. The Examiner clarified that Claims 10-15 and 25-30 have been allowed as they depend from allowed Claims 34 and 36.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 16-20, 22, 23, 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Cabrera et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,978,815) in view of Shaath et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,654,864) and further in view of Miro (U.S. Pat. No. 5,220,653). In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 7, 8, 16, 22, 23, 31 and 32 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection with respect to these claims has been rendered moot. Claims 2-5 have been currently amended to depend from allowed Claim 33. Claims 17-20 have been currently amended to depend from

allowed Claim 35. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection with respect to Dependent Claims 2-5 and 17-20 is respectfully requested.

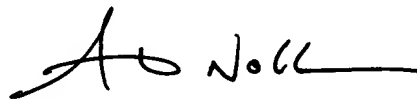
The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 10-15, 25-30, and 33-36. Claims 37 and 38 have been newly added for consideration and include the limitations of allowed Claim 33. No new matter has been introduced herein.

Therefore, for those reasons discussed above, reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance at an early date, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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